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Historic Visit by House Judiciary Chairman

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit hosted an historic visit by the Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, on Friday, March 4, 2005. "This is the first time that the Chairman of this committee has come here to talk with our judges and we were honored by his constructive visit," said Chief Judge Mary Schroeder of Arizona.



The Chairman has advocated division of the circuit but asked for the meeting to discuss how such a division might be accomplished. Participants included a number of circuit and district judges. Chairman Sensenbrenner was accompanied by Sean McLaughlin, Deputy Chief of Staff.

The Chairman also raised other important issues of interest to the federal judiciary, including the judicial discipline and disability systems, the appellate review process in immigration cases, and asbestos litigation.

The meeting concluded with the Chairman stating that he found the meeting to be very helpful and that his door in Washington was always open.

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